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# SOLECISM

*Solecism: A mistake  
in grammar; 2 a  
breach of etiquette.*

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Unanimously voted  
SOLECISM's social  
enigma of 1981, CUSA's  
"Clean Hands" Bear  
plays Host to Winter  
Carnival 82' "Sno Blind".

# CARNIVAL '82 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SIR GEORGE AND LOYOLA CAMPUSES

	JAN 29 FRIDAY	JAN 30 SATURDAY	JAN 31 SUNDAY	FEB. 1 MONDAY	FEB. 2 TUESDAY	FEB. 3 WEDNESDAY	FEB. 4 THURSDAY	FEB. 5 FRIDAY	FEB. 6 SATURDAY
LOYOLA M O R			Sno Sculpture, Quadrangle ALL * DAY Movie Marathon C.C.	Lumber- Jack Day Demo. Athletic Complex	Mini Olympics  Keg Cup Round Robin		IRISH COFFEE DAY	SKI DAY  Morin Heights	
SIR G E O R G E	Parade to McGill		Sno Sculpture Bethune Park ALL * DAY Movie Marathon H-110			IRISH COFFEE DAY		SKI DAY  Morin Heights	
LOYOLA A F T E R		Garbage Bowl  Athletic Complex 2:00	CAR RALLY  Campus Centre	LOUNGE PUB (Guad.)  Wrist Wrestling Sno Sculp. Judging	LOUNGE PUB  Guadagni	LOUNGE PUB  Guadagni	LOUNGE PUB C.C. * * KEG CUP Lower McG. Campus 3:00	SKI DAY  Morin Heights	
SIR G E O R G E			MOVIES  H-110	LOUNGE PUB  Mezz.  Sno Sculp. Judging	LOUNGE PUB  Reggies	LOUNGE PUB  Reggies	LOUNGE PUB Mezz. * * KEG CUP Lower McG. Campus 3:00	SKI DAY  Morin Heights	
LOYOLA E V E		Commerce Kick-Off BASH  Pool Party Hingston Hall \$3. 8:00	Spaghetti Night  \$2.50 Campus Centre	PUB CRAWL  Downtown	COMEDY NIGHT Campus Centre \$3.00 9:00 pm	BEAR'S BIRTHDAY Guadagni Wolf&Kettle Main Lounge 8:00 \$3.		SKI DAY  Morin Heights	SNOBALL Hotel Parc Regent \$ 5.00 8:00 pm
SIR G E O R G E			MOVIES  H - 110	PUB CRAWL  Downtown	COMEDY NIGHT  \$3.00 9:00 pm		BAND EVENT THE BLITZ 7th Floor Cafeteria	SKI DAY  Morin Heights	SNOBALL Hotel Parc Regent \$ 5.00 8:00 pm



# A PETITION FOR PETITIONERS

BY PAT DiLILLO

The idea for this article came about while I had the privilege of circulating a country-wide petition protesting the federal government's cutbacks in post-secondary education. It gave me the opportunity of meeting fellow students and sharing some of their thoughts and feelings.

Several people agreed to sign the petition, but there were many among them that felt this petition was futile and would never stop the government's actions. They argued, "After all, you can never stop the government." It is this type of attitude among students that let the bureaucrats do as they please with us. It is this feeling of helplessness that allows them to tie crimson red tape around us. This feeling of helplessness must cease especially if you are a student. After all, we, the students, will eventually be the future decision-makers.

Another interesting point which came out during the circulation of this petition was the role of Concordia's staff members and their involvement with this petition. I did not have the opportunity to ask many staff members to sign the petition but one in particular I met greatly surprised me. This individual staff member had the audacity to tell me, and I quote his very words, "I'm staff. I do not get involved with such peti-

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tions!" I was utterly shocked at his statement, because it is obvious that such cutbacks will affect his employment. Note that universities rely heavily on government funding and its greatest expenditure is on salaries. Now even a first-grader could tell you that if you have less money you will have less of it to spend. Now correlating this simplistic logic to our cutback situation will lead us to conclude that our universities will spend less money, therefore there will be some cutting-back on salary expenditures thus leading to a reduction in staff members. Now how in heaven's name could that person have the courage to tell me that he cannot sign an anti-cutback petition simply because he is staff. Hopefully this particular person was an imbecile and hopefully does not represent the attitude of all the staff members.

It is my hope that this letter will awake some people to the fact that if you don't try you will never get anything accomplished. Do not forget that every little bit helps.

## INCORPORATION REFERENDUM

The Concordia University Students' Association is calling upon its membership to vote in the Incorporation Referendum being held on February 16, 17, 18 on the same ballot as the General Elections. Polling stations will be located on both campuses.

It is the responsibility of every undergraduate student to voice their opinion to ensure that the Students' Association's position is reflective of the student body it represents. A yes-committee and a no-committee are being formed. Applications will be accepted from January 25 to February 4. Each committee is allocated a total of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to promote their campaign between February 9 and February 16.

For more information you are urged to contact:

François Longpré, Chairman of  
Legislative Council  
At Sir George: Hall Building,  
Room 639, 879-4500  
At Loyola: Centennial Building,  
Room 305, 482-9280

## About this Newsletter

Solecism is an open forum for discussion of ideas and brief flashes of piercing insight.

Submissions from departmental associations, clubs, special interest groups and students at large should be submitted to either central CUSA office by February 5, 1982 for publication in the next issue.

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## Committee relying on Snow & Sand for Carnival

It's comforting to learn that the rampant genital politics, bureaucracy and cynicism paralysing Concordia University has not infected this year's Winter Carnival Committee.

The secret, according to Olga "Roskena" Gazdovic and Joanne "Starbuck" Bird is to "do your best and damn the rest, except for six, because you'll always need pallbearers."

A brief review of some of the 32 events planned for the January 29th to February 6th Winter Carnival will attest to their initiative, dedication and cosmic interpretations of CUSA, entertainment and University life sans training wheels.

**"do your best and damn the rest, except for six pallbearers"**

On January 30th an 18-foot Coleco swimming pool complete with sand and nine palm trees will set the scene for CUSA's Splash Party #1 in the Hingston Hall Cafeteria. The five-foot deep pool will be raffled off at Carnival '82's closing event, the Snoball, on February 6 at the Parc Regent.

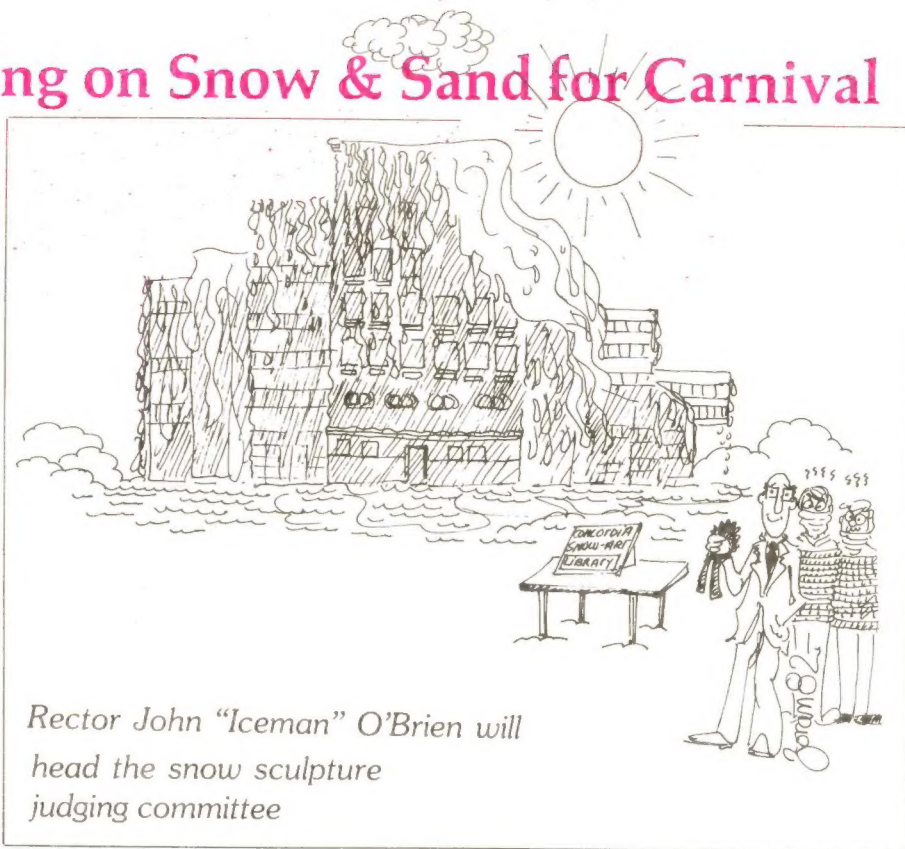
Every student who buys a 50¢ CUSA Carnival button will be eligible to win the pool. The buttons and accompanying raffle tickets are now available in the Guadagni Lounge, Campus Centre and Hall Building mezzanine.

Sunday's (January 31) events include snow sculptures at Sir George's Bethune Park and a car rally starting at the Campus Centre.

Rector John "Iceman" O'Brien will head the committee set up to judge what sculpture warrants the \$100.00 first prize.

The winner of the Car Rally will also win \$100.00.

In a rally of a different sort Joanne and Olga came close to a head-on collision with hysteria when they



Rector John "Iceman" O'Brien will head the snow sculpture judging committee

proposed showing the New York Erotic film festival at Loyola during Carnival.

"We lost out in the last heat, so we went with the pool party instead," said Roskena.

Humour will be commonplace at Concordia's Carnival if their trail-blazing endeavour to put on Comedy

acts at both campuses on Tuesday, February 2nd, succeeds.

Mike Mandel, Backwards Bob and Steve Moore will perform at Loyola while at Sir George, Mike MacDonald and a fool to be named at a later date will ease our anxieties over tuition fee increases, libraries and course cancellations.

## Solecism's response to publications policy proposal

The tastes, feelings and state of mind of the Concordia University community do have a bearing on whether writings should be tolerated or suppressed.

But the community standards are not set by either those of lowest taste or those of rigid, austere or puritan perception and habit of mind.

Something approaching a general average of community thinking and feeling has to be discovered.

A sociological survey or a glance around any classroom will probably yield the same conclusion regarding diversity of students.

We Concordians should be living in

a relatively free pluralist society which places its trust in the competition of ideas in a free marketplace.

Coercion, repression and censorship in order to promote a given set of views are not tolerable in our University community.

The CUSA member associations must be given the opportunity to exercise their own judgement over questions of publication funding.

These executives are representative of and responsible to the students in their respective faculties and departments.

Freedom of ideas must become the maxim of Concordia's media.